



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, August 7, 2017
6:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room
1A/1B
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Treece called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 pm. Council Member Thomas arrived at approximately 6:10 pm.

Present: 7 - Ruffin, Trapp, Thomas, Peters, Treece, Skala, and Pitzer

Wastewater/Stormwater Integrated Management Plan Update

Attachments: [Our Columbia Waters presentation](#)

Dave Sorrell, Assistant Director of Utilities, stated that this is an update on the progression of the Integrated Management Plan. He provided a brief history of the process to date.

Trent Stober, Vice President of HDR Engineering, compared the goals, issues and results of the Water Resource Plan compared to the Integrated Water Resource Plan. He reviewed the planning process which ensures the plan is balance, prioritized, implementable and affordable. He reviewed some of our challenges which include aging infrastructure, sewage overflows and backups, erosion, flooding, etc. He reviewed the community engagement programs which included four workshops and a community survey. Alternatives that were evaluated included wastewater collection, wastewater treatment and stormwater management. He reviewed potential funding for each project which included three levels, ranging from funding minimum levels of service to aggressively fund all forecasted issues for a 20 year period. He provided some examples of projects and level funding. Wastewater and stormwater bill projections were displayed with all three levels of funding shown. He noted that Columbians currently pay less in wastewater bills than most Missourians. Council Member Thomas asked if the peer cities have already started plans like this. Mr. Stober stated that most cities have a long way to go. Springfield adopted an integrated plan in 2013. He stated that the Strategic Plan neighborhoods were considered in this process to determine affordability for residents and he felt there is a decent balance on affordability impacts. There would be some affordability issues for some, but it would likely not be the staggering issues that some other communities have faced. Mr. Stober indicated that during the stakeholder feedback; social, economic and environmental priorities were discussed. He reviewed the community benefits for each level of funding and provided an optimized investment schedule of what level of funding should be determined for each project category. He compared the dollar amounts of existing project funding, level 1, 2 and 3, and the optimized investment plan. He reviewed the actionable steps that would take place in the first 5 years of the plan implementation. At the end of the 5 years, they will have a much better idea of the needs and can better refine numbers. The recommended start time for the Five-Year Action Plan is 2018.

Lacey Hirschvogel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, stated that Columbia is

one of the first in the state to go through this long term planning process and they are very supportive of integrated management planning that will provide sustainable infrastructure over coming years.

Dave Sorrell stated that next steps will be finalization of the plan, which will go to DNR for review and then to Council for public hearing and potential adoption of the plan. The group briefly discussed the presentation.

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 pm.